IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

bplicant:

HIBBERT

Examiner:

Toan C. To

Serial No.:

10/008,455

Group Art Unit:

3616

Filed:

November 2, 2001

Docket No.:

7432.0115USU1

Title:

LINKED SUSPENSION SYSTEM FOR A VEHICLE

Customer No.

23552

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8:

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, with sufficient postage, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA-22313-1450

on March 2004.

Name: Linda Engel

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

MAR 3 0 2004

GROUP 3500

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed September 26, 2003, said period of response being extended from December 26, 2003 to March 26, 2003.

Our check in the amount of \$950.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

23552

Respectfully submitted,

MERCHANT & GOULD P.C.

P.O. Box 2903

Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402-0903

(612) 332-5300

Date: March 25, 2004

Douglas P. Mueller Reg. No. 30,300

03/29/2004 KBETEHA1 00000129 10008455

01 FC:1253

950.00 OP